Helpful Smartphone Apps



HAMILTON MOBILE CAPTEL: Use your iPad or Android Tablet with any telephone (i.e. landline, office, mobile phone) to place calls with this app. Captions of what is being said appear on the tablet screen while you listen and talk using your desired telephone. The app is only available at Google Play, coming soon to Apple. The app is free.



INNOCAPTION: A mobile phone app for the deaf and hard of hearing that want to use their own voice to talk to others but struggle hearing what is being said by them. Now, receive captions of what the person is saying, when they say it with virtually no delay and with confidence from your smart phone. The app is available on Apple and Google Play. The app is free; registration is required.



CLEARCAPTIONS: This app adds free captions to your phone calls, displaying them on your phone, similar to turning on closed captions for your TV shows — you hear AND read what's being said. Available for iPhones and Androids. The app is free; registration is required.



IP-RELAY: This app lets you use your mobile device for Sprint IP-Relay services. Simply type what you want to say to the operator, the operator relays the message to the person you called and then types their response back to you. Get it from the Apple Store or Google Play. The app is free; registration is required.



P3 MOBILE: A video-based telephone relay system for deaf and hard of hearing individuals allowing them to make and receive Video Relay Service (VRS) and VP calls over Wi-Fi or a cellular data connection. The app is available for iPhones and Androids. The app is free.



SORENSON NTOUCH: Using cutting edge technology, Sorenson Video Relay Services (SRVS) has designed the nTouch group of products specifically for deaf communication. This app turns your phone into a mobile videophone, providing you with the power of SVRS on the go. Available for iPhones and Androids. The app is free.



Z5 MOBILE: Z5 allows deaf and hard of hearing people to experience communication freedom on their phone like never before. Make and receive ZVRS, VP VCO Plus and HOlaVRS calls using a Wi-Fi or cellular connection. Available only from Apple. The app is free.



TANGO VIDEO CALLING: Stay in touch with the people who matter to you. Tango is the messaging app with the best video calling. See their face and hear their voice. All messages and calls are free. Available for iPhones and Androids. The app is free.



SORENSON BUZZCARDS: This app simplifies face-to-face communication with people who don't know sign language. The app works like a deck of flashcards. Type a message and show it to the person with whom you are communicating. It's easy and convenient! The app is available through the Apple Store or Google Play. The app is free.

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AVA: Ava makes deaf and hard of hearing people's lives easier and more accessible with real-time captioning any time they need it. Anyone can now have effective communication with people who can hear, and get information about what people say around them. Free plan for 5 hours every month. Joining another Ava user's conversation never uses your captioning credit.



SUBTITLE VIEWER: View subtitles on your phone synchronized with television or movies on your TV, or at the cinema. Brilliant for when you're at a cinema watching a movie, and you need subtitles in your native tongue! Great for the Deaf and hard of hearing community. Available for iPhones and Androids. Registration is required. The app is free.





Be sure to search these topics in the Apple Store or Google Play for other apps that help with hearing loss:

- Decibel meters
- Tinnitus
- Hearing tests
- Hearing enhancement (turning your phone into a personal amplifier)
- Sign language apps

Helpful cellphone tricks:

- Set your phone to flash when it rings in "Settings" under "Accessibility."
- Capture what people are saying by using the microphone in the Notes app, which will write down what they are saying, which mimics captioning.

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